

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 7-12 are withdrawn from consideration by the election made herein.

REMARKS

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group 1, claims 1-6, drawn to a method for the production of a lysate used for cell free protein biosynthesis comprising filtering out an essential translation product from a cell lysate.

Group 2, claims 7-10, drawn to a lysate for the cell-free protein biosynthesis wherein the lysate has a reduced activity of one or more essential translation products and a method of using the lysate thereof.

Group 3, claims 11 and 12, drawn to an isolated microorganism or an isolated cell, wherein a genomic sequence, which codes for an essential translation product that reduces the yield of cell-free protein biosynthesis is replaced by a foreign DNA located under a suitable regulatory element, said foreign DNA coding for the essential translation product that additionally contains a marker sequence.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-6, for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

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